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State Capitol, Room 423

**H.C.R. 100 & H.R. 93  
RELATING TO REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO FUND OR  
PERFORM A STUDY ON ALL POSSIBLE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS TO  
REDUCE TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND IN THE  
OTHER COUNTIES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII.**

Senate Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** these resolutions and offers the following comments:

1. The DOT agrees with the resolution that Honolulu has a high level of traffic congestion.
2. For congestion relief, the DOT has provided the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (Oahu MPO) its list of projects for the State Highway System within the City and County of Honolulu. This DOT lists of projects will be considered for Oahu MPO's update of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan and for the Congestion Relief Process.
3. For congestion relief in the other counties, the DOT has identified its list of projects for the State Highway System in its 2014 long-range transportation plans for the districts of Kauai, Maui and Hawai'i.
4. Other congestion relief efforts include:
  - Freeway Service Patrol
  - Shoulder lane improvements
  - Intersection improvements
  - Traffic Signal optimizations
  - Traveler information dissemination
5. Funding levels for the DOT have not been sufficient to carry out its entire Highway program; therefore, funds have been primarily directed to Safety and Maintenance programs. Hence, the DOT Congestion program has not been

sufficiently funded. To improve efforts towards congestion relief, the DOT is seeking to utilize the car rental surcharge fees to fund the Interstate H-1 corridor by adding an additional shoulder lane in the east-bound direction from Waiawa Interchange to Halawa Interchange.

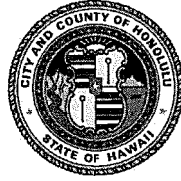
6. In the case the study includes City and County of Honolulu roads, the DOT recommends the study be considered for the Oahu MPO's Overall Work Program, and coordination with the City and County of Honolulu be included.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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The Honorable Henry J. C. Aquino  
The Honorable Troy N. Hashimoto  
and Members of the House  
Committee on Transportation  
State Capitol, Room 423  
415 South Beretania Street  
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Dear Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: Testimony on House Concurrent Resolution 100 &  
House Resolution 93**

The Department of Transportation Services is in support of this measure.

In the City and County of Honolulu, our department is responsible for promoting the safe, efficient, and effective use and operation of the city's streets, and for coordinating engineering programs and projects to improve traffic flow and safety. We welcome recommendations for proven options that can reduce traffic congestion on Oahu.

We are supportive of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) efforts and look forward to collaborating with HDOT in studying and implementing prospective improvements.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W Frysztacki", is written over the printed name.

Wes Frysztacki  
Director